IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

STEVEN KADAR AND MARY)
KADAR,)
Plaintiffs,) CASE NO. 19-373-HEA
,)
v.)
AROUBA SIDDIQUI, et al.)
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Defendants.)
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)

<u>DEFENDANT DAVID J. WHITMAN'S ANSWER TO PLAINTIFF'S THIRD</u> AMENDED COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES

COMES NOW Defendant, David J. Whitman, and for his Answer to Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint for Damages states as follows:

PARTIES

- 1. Defendant admits that at the time of the accident giving rise to this Third Amended Complaint Plaintiff was in St. Louis County, Missouri, but is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining matters set out in Paragraph 1, and therefore denies same.
- 2. Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the matters set out in Paragraph 2, and therefore denies same.
- 3. Defendant admits that Arouba Siddiqui was driving the vehicle that crashed into the vehicle in which Plaintiff Steven Kadar was a passenger, but is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the remaining matters set out in Paragraph 3, and therefore denies same.
 - 4. Admit.

	5.	Admit.				
	6.	Admit.				
	7.	Admit.				
	8.	Admit.				
	9.	Denied				
	VENUE					
	10.	Admit.				
	11.	Admit.				
		FACTS				
	12.	Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the				
truth o	f the ma	atters set out in Paragraph 12, and therefore denies same.				
	13.	Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the				
truth o	f the ma	atters set out in Paragraph 13, and therefore denies same.				
	14.	Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the				
truth o	f the ma	atters set out in Paragraph 14, and therefore denies same.				
	15.	Defendant admits he was driving the vehicle in which Plaintiff was a passenger but is				
withou	t suffici	ent knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining matter				
set out	in Paraş	graph 15, and therefore denies same.				
	16.	Defendant admits he began his left turn upon receiving a left turn green arrow signal				
and oth	nerwise	admits the allegations set out in Paragraph 16.				
	17.	Admit.				
	18.	Admit.				
	19.	Admit.				
	20.	Denied.				

	21.	Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the
truth of	the ma	atters set out in Paragraph 21, and therefore denies same.
	22.	Denied.
	23.	Denied.
	24.	Admit.
	25.	Admit.
	26.	Admit.
	27.	Defendant denies he violated any duties owed toward Plaintiff, Steven Kadar, but
admits t	the rem	naining allegations set out in Paragraph 27.
	28.	Admit.
	29.	Denied.
	30.	Denied.
		COUNT I NEGLIGENCE – AROUBA SIDDIQUI
	31.	Defendant's responses to Paragraphs 1-30 are incorporated by reference as though
fully set	forth l	nerein.
	32.	Admit.
	33.	Defendant admits the allegations set out in Paragraph 33 of Plaintiff's Second
Amendo	ed Con	nplaint, and each and every subparagraph thereof.
	34.	Admit.
		COUNT II NEGLIGENCE – DAVID J. WHITMAN
	35.	Defendant's responses to Paragraphs 1 through 34 are incorporated by reference as

though fully set forth herein.

Admit.

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37. Defendant denies the allegations set out in Paragraph 37, and each and every subparagraph thereof.

38. Denied.

WHEREFORE, having fully answered Count II of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint,
Defendant David J. Whitman respectfully requests the Court to be dismissed, for costs, and for all
further appropriate relief.

COUNT III NEGLIGENCE PER SE – AROUBA SIDDIQUI

- 39. Defendant's responses to Paragraphs 1-38 are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
 - 40. Admit.
- 41. Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the matters set out in Paragraph 41, and therefore denies same.
 - 42. Admit.
 - 43. Admit.
- 44. Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the matters set out in Paragraph 44, and therefore denies same.

COUNT IV NEGLIGENCE PER SE – DAVID J. WHITMAN

- 45. Defendant's responses to Paragraphs 1 through 44 are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
 - 46. Denied.
 - 47. Denied.
 - 48. Denied.
 - 49. Denied.

WHEREFORE, having fully answered Count IV of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, Defendant David J. Whitman respectfully requests the Court to be dismissed, for costs, and for all further appropriate relief.

COUNT V VICARIOUS LIABILITY – DEFENDANT ALEEMUDDIN SIDDIQUI

50. – 52. The allegations set out in Count V of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint are not directed to this Defendant and therefore no response by this Defendant is required.

Nevertheless, if it is determined that the matters set out in Count V constitute a claim against Defendant David J. Whitman, Defendant denies each and every allegation therein and demands strict proof thereof.

COUNT VI RESPONDEANT SUPERIOR – DEFENDANT UBER TECHNOLOGIES, INC. AND DEFENDANT RASIER, LLC

53. – 55. The allegations set out in Count VI of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint are not directed to this Defendant and therefore no response by this Defendant is required.

Nevertheless, if it is determined that the matters set out in Count VI constitute a claim against Defendant David J. Whitman, Defendant denies each and every allegation therein and demands strict proof thereof.

COUNT VII LOSS OF CONSORTIUM

- 56. Defendant's responses to Paragraphs 1 through 55 are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- 57. Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the matters set out in Paragraph 57, and therefore denies same.
 - 58. Denied.

WHEREFORE, having fully answered Count VII of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint for Damages, Defendant David J. Whitman respectfully requests the Court to be dismissed, for costs, and for all further appropriate relief.

COUNT VIII BREACH OF UNINSURED MOTORIST INSURANCE CONTRACT

59. – 68. The allegations set out in Count VIII of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint are not directed to this Defendant and therefore no response by this Defendant is required. Nevertheless, if it is determined that the matters set out in Count VIII constitute a claim against Defendant David J. Whitman, Defendant denies each and every allegation therein and demands strict proof thereof.

COUNT IX BREACH OF UNINSURED MOTORIST INSURANCE CONTRACT

69. – 76. The allegations set out in Count IX of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint are not directed to this Defendant and therefore no response by this Defendant is required.

Nevertheless, if it is determined that the matters set out in Count IX constitute a claim against Defendant David J. Whitman, Defendant denies each and every allegation therein and demands strict proof thereof.

DAMAGES

- 77. Denied
- 78. Defendant denies the allegations set out in Paragraph 78, and each and every subparagraph thereof.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

1. Further answering, and as a defense, Plaintiff has failed to state a claim against this Defendant upon which relief can be granted.

- 2. Further answering, and as a defense, Defendant is entitled to judgement on the pleadings pursuant to Rule 12(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.
- 3. Further answering, and as a defense, Plaintiffs' injuries and damages, if any, are the direct and proximate result of the negligent acts and/or omissions of individuals and/or entities other than this Defendant and over whom this Defendant has no control, including but not limited to Co-Defendant Arouba Siddiqui, and liability should be apportioned accordingly.
- 4. Further answering, and as a defense, Defendant prays a reduction of any judgment against him in the amount of all payments by joint tortfeasors as provided by RSMo. Section 537.060.
- 5. Further answering, and as a defense, Defendant reserves the right to request a hearing pursuant to RSMo. Section 490.715.5 to determine the value of any medical services received by Plaintiff allegedly due to the incident described in the pleadings.
- 6. Further answering, and as a defense, Plaintiff's recovery, if any, should be reduced to the extent Plaintiff has failed to mitigate his damages.
- 7. Defendant hereby asserts and adopts by reference all other defenses asserted by any other Defendant to this action.
- 8. Defendant reserves the right to supplement and/or amended these affirmative defenses as information becomes available in the course of discovery.

WHEREFORE, having fully answered Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint for Damages, Defendant David J. Whitman respectfully requests the Court to be dismissed, for costs, and for all further appropriate relief.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned, being first duly sworn on oath, states that service of the above was made via the Court's E-filing system/electronic mail this 18th day of November 2020, to:

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